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NEW YORK, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1921.BASEBALL COUNCIL IN FINAL MEETING HERE, ACCEPTS DRAFT SCHEME;
TENNIS OFFICIALS APPROVE AMENDMENT TO EXISTING AMATEUR RULECompromise Draft Plan,
Urged by Landis, AdoptedAdvisory Council Approves Scheme, Which Now Will
Go to the Five Recalcitrant Leagues—Coast
May Make Trouble.

Thanks to the efforts of Judge Landis the advisory council of organized baseball yesterday adopted a compromise plan for the general reorganization of the drafting system in the minor leagues. The scheme was approved after three days of deliberation at the Commodore and now will go to the five minors which have declined persistently to go back to the draft—the International and Pacific Coast leagues and the American Association, comprising Class AA; the Western League and the Three I League.

It seems practically certain that four of these organizations will accept the plan, but it is feared that the Pacific Coast League will kick up quite a fuss. Some of the club owners out on the coast are imbued with the idea that they do not need the majors. Some want to have their league declared a third major, or a submajor, in a class by itself, while others, it is rumored, would not be averse to cutting loose from organized baseball.

Judge Landis omitted quite a lot of plain language at yesterday's session, which concluded the council meetings and the major league confabulations as well. We understand that he impressed upon his four associates the fact that both sides would have to make concessions because baseball simply could not continue without the draft.

Looking Toward Baltimore. No doubt he told John A. Heydler, head of the National League, Ben Johnson, president of the American League, and Mike Sexton, president, and John Farrell, secretary, of the minor league association, that without the draft organized baseball presented a vulnerable front in a court of law and left itself open to a devastating decision in the case of the Baltimore club of the defunct Federal League, which is to come up again before the United States Supreme Court.

The compromise plan stipulates that each minor league club give up one player in the annual draft—the class AA league clubs for \$5,000 and the class A clubs for \$4,000. In the event a major league club sends back a drafted player within one year of the club from which he was obtained, it will have the first claim on him, for half the draft price. The rules stipulate that the major leagues may draft from all classes, all the way down to class D, but the minors may draft only from the class immediately above them. This means that the class AA leagues may draft only from class A and that class A may draft only from class B. The class A leagues may draft only from class B and C. A club, but in the lower classes the draft is unrestricted.

Judge Landis issued the following statement: "The adoption of the plan was announced by Judge Landis in the following statement: 'The question has arisen what to do with the draft. It is a principle of baseball that the player must advance in his profession according to his skill. To secure to him and to the game this result the draft rule was devised and remained in force until 1914. Since the baseball organization of a year ago, the player and the welfare of the game, the National and American League clubs have authorized the commissioner to present to the leagues mentioned above the following as a fair basis for the settlement of this grave question: 'The one player of each AA or A club shall be eligible to selection or draft after the close of the season each year to the selecting club to pay in cash upon exercising the right the sum of \$5,000 in the AA clubs, \$4,000 to the A clubs.'

"The event any selected player is released by a major league club within one year of his selection, the Club of AA or shall first have the right to secure his services upon paying to the releasing club one-half the draft price paid by that club. 'The commissioner has a deep conviction that this is in harmony with the principle now subscribed to by the major and minor leagues and always to be borne in mind that the player's right and welfare of the game require that his services shall be available to the clubs of highest classification.

Each Made Concessions. While the Pacific Coast League has resisted all moves to arrange a compromise, the International League and the American Association indicated on Friday that they would readily accept the plan if they were paid \$7,500 for each player or \$5,000 and a player from the majors.

They insisted on getting back rejected draftsmen for half price—and they have won that point. The majors refused to go higher than \$5,000 for a Class AA player and were allowed to keep that position in return for yielding on the half price point.

It is expected that the American Association will decline at its session in February. But there is no reason to believe that the Pacific Coast League will.

The owners of that way have been wooed by recent sensational sales—the \$75,000 deal which San Francisco made with the Giants for Jimmy O'Connell, the transaction completed by San Francisco whereby it got \$25,000 and four players from the Reds for Caveney, the sale of Johnson and Pillello, pitchers, by Portland to Detroit for \$40,000, and the sale

of Pinelli by Oakland to the Reds for \$10,000 and players.

Most of the minor league owners realize that the period of deflation will set in with the new year and the repeal of the excess profits tax. It is not likely that there ever again will be a sale of a minor leaguer of unknown ability for \$75,000.

While the deflation threatens Jack Dunn of Baltimore stands with his club intact. It is said that he refused \$50,000 for Jack Bentley. There have been rumors of a deal with the Giants, but we do not believe that there is the ghost of a chance for any business between John McGraw and Dunn.

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Navy Crews Want to Row
Harvard and PrincetonAsk Permission to Compete
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ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 17.—The Naval Academy rowing management has asked for the permission of the Navy Department to send its crew to Cambridge to meet the crews of Harvard and Princeton on May 6. The University of Pennsylvania may also be entered in this race, which will be one of the most important and interesting of the college season.

The Navy is planning a wonderful rowing season, and will give a last chance to win honors to the majority of the splendid oarsmen who have made up the crews of the last two seasons, the crew which won the world's championship at Antwerp two years ago and the other, which overhauled opposition in the big event on the Hudson last season.

It is likely that the official permissions to row on the Charles will be given, and that the Navy crew will also row in the American Henley event and the Poughkeepsie regatta. Home races will include Syracuse, University of Pennsylvania and possibly others. The schedule will be settled when the representatives of college rowing meet in January.

A special reason for scheduling the race at Cambridge is that Boston is the home of Richard Glendon, the Navy's valued and highly successful rowing coach, and that in the whole seventeen years of his occupancy of that position a Navy crew has not rowed in waters adjacent to his home.

National instructors of the Naval Academy have presented a suitably engraved gold timepiece and stopwatch to Lieut. Commander William A. Richardson, who is about to leave Annapolis for sea duty. C. Adkins, scored 1,624 points out of a possible 1,200, fifteen tallies less than the record set by a Navy crew from Jamaica High School in winning the trophy last year.

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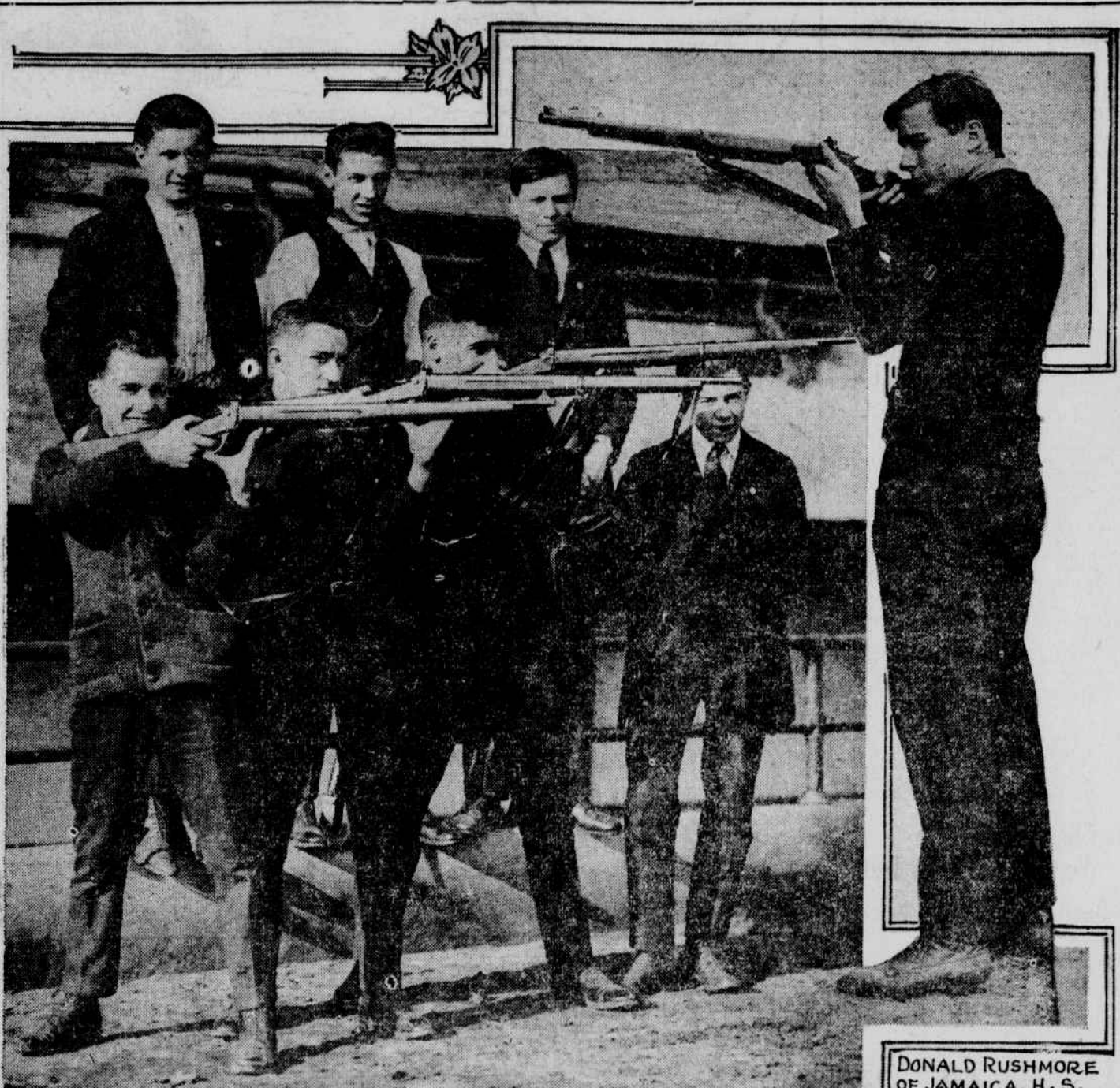
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Boys Who Won National Bearer Rifle Trophy Yesterday



COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM, LEFT TO RIGHT UPPER ROW—A. OMAN, D. GOODFELLOW (CAPTAIN), A. TAYLOR. LOWER ROW—J. O'CONNOR, J. THOMPSON, G. KNOPP, J. ACKERMAN, MGR.

P. S. A. L. RIFLE CUP
FOR COMMERCIALBrooklyn Schoolboys Nose Out
Evander Childs for Title—
Rushmore Best Shot.

The closest duel for the Standard Bearer trophy, emblematic of the fall indoor rifle P. S. A. L. championship, was recorded yesterday on the indoor ranges of the Brooklyn Athletic Field when the team of Commercial High School nosed out Evander Childs by the margin of one point. The Brooklyn lads, coached by C. Adkins, scored 1,624 points out of a possible 1,200, fifteen tallies less than the record set by a Navy crew from Jamaica High School in winning the trophy last year.

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Giants Give Four Players
to Hoosiers for ShinnersBrown, Spencer, Two Others
and Cash Go for Young
Outfielder.By DANIEL.
After hanging fire for several months the deal for Ralph Shinners, outfielder, was completed by the Giants with the Indianapolis club of the American Association yesterday.

John McGraw had been debating with Jack Hendricks, manager of the Hoosiers, for some time. Hendricks insisted that Ed Brown, the big outfielder who came to the Giants from San Antonio last season and made an enviable record as a pinch hitter after playing regularly early in the year, be included in the trade.

McGraw held out for a time but yesterday capitulated. Brown is accompanied to Indianapolis by Vernon Spencer, another outfielder, who last fall was recalled by the Giants from Toronto. It will be recalled that Spencer was obtained from Toronto in 1920 for Benny Kauff but failed to live up to predictions as a hitter and was sent back to the Maple Leafs.

Two other players will be selected by Hendricks when he pays a visit to the camp of the Giants at San Antonio, Jim Tierney, secretary of the New York club, said that in addition to four men the Giants were giving a big wage of coin for Shinners, but he declined to name a figure. At Buffalo recently American Association owners said that Indianapolis was getting \$25,000 in cash along with several players for the young outfielder.

Shinners bats and throws right handed and last season hit for .348. He stole fifty-five bases—more than any other leaguer in the country and just one ahead of the mark made by Frankie Frisch. The new Giant is 22 years old, weighs 185 pounds in condition and stands 6 feet 2 inches in his socks.

That he can hit for distance may be gleaned from the fact that in the last three days of the season he slammed out five home runs. "Charley" Frisch, who was in the American Association last season, told us the other day that in Shinners the Giants are getting a very high class outfielder. He is a big raw, but under McGraw-Johnson-Burke schooling he is likely to learn a lot before he is shown to the fans at the Polo Grounds. Shinners came to the Hoosiers from Milwaukee.

Irish Meusel and Ross Feltz, of course, are sure of their jobs. The centerfield berth is open, for George Burks seems to be the Red Sox's only first baseman who can handle the job. Bill Cunningham, bought last season from Seattle, and Ike Boone, acquired from New Orleans, are also in the running. It is expected that the association in hitting will be a very interesting light.

Our statement of yesterday that Bob Veach of the Tigers will be in the outfield of the Yankees when they open the season stands. It is practically certain that Veach will be traded to the Yankees, and the details of

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No Change Asked in Award
of Tennis Plums for 1922Executive Committee Recommends Repetition of Last
Year's Program—Amateur Rule Amended
and 'Seeded' Draw Approved.By SAMUEL J. BROOKMAN.
If the recommendations of the executive committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association are approved—and there is every indication that they will be—there will be practically no change in the award of the national and international tennis events in this country next season. West Side Tennis Club of Forest Hills again will have the custody of the Davis cup challenge round and the women's national championship, and Philadelphia will again conduct the men's national singles and Boston the men's national doubles. And the other title tournaments will also be assigned to the clubs under whose auspices they were held in 1921.

There were other recommendations, too, of decided interest reported by the standing committees and approved by the executive committee at its annual December meeting at the Vanderbilt Hotel yesterday. One concerned an amendment to the amateur rule that will bar players from reporting tennis tournaments for the daily papers. Another will alter the system of drawing entries in tournaments by the introduction of the "seeded" draw, to insure an equal distribution of tennis strength so far as the top ranking players are concerned.

All these suggestions as intimated about to become laws when the executive committee passes on them. They must be referred as recommendations to the delegates of the association at the annual tennis convention for final approval. As a general thing, however, these recommendations have won the support of the delegates without trouble, the association usually recognizing the fact that the various committees empowered to deliver into the tennis problems are in a position to know their subjects thoroughly.

Amateur Rule Made Clear. Before reading its amendment to the amateur rule the committee made it clear that there is no objection whatever to a tennis player writing books or articles on tennis strategy, technique or history. What they are opposed to is the practice of players telegraphing reports to the papers or otherwise—by which they happen to be engaged, for it often happens that they are not in a position to witness matches which they proceed to describe in detail. Accordingly, the new rule will be eight or less for entries up to 64, and one additional for every eight entries more than 64. The tournament committee will proceed at its discretion to pick out the eight (or more) leading players based on their showing during the current season. No. 1 will then be placed at the top of the first quarter of the draw and No. 2 at the top of the second quarter. Nos. 3 and 4 will then be placed in the second and fourth quarters, a draw by lot determining whether No. 3 or No. 4 shall be the player in the second quarter.

The procedure is then repeated for Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 and they are placed the respective quarters of the draw, and so on for Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12. Should foreigners be included in the entry the system governing their place in the draw will be the same with the exception that the No. 1 foreigner will be in the opposite half to the No. 1 American and the No. 2 foreigner in the opposite half to the No. 2 American. R. Norris Williams 2d, who was chairman of the draw "seeding" committee, reported that a canvass of the sixty leading players of the country, men and women, disclosed the fact that fifty-two were in favor of a seeded draw, seven against and one non-committal.

Leading Dates Suggested. Not only did the tournament championship committee draw up a tentative schedule for the leading events of 1922, but in many cases the most desirable dates for their execution were fixed. September 1 was suggested for the Davis cup challenge round and September 5 for the national singles. On the question of the desirability of having tournaments rotate from year to year the committee declared that while the practice was desirable as a general thing it was not wise to follow it too closely; that a good deal depended on what the event in venue would lessen interest in the event or hurt its financial success considerably. Apparently the committee thought that this was one year when it would be most advisable to make few changes if any. The list of awards drawn up follows:

Davis Cup Challenge Round, September 5—West Side Tennis Club of Forest Hills.

Men's National Grass Court Singles and Veterans' Singles, September 1—Longwood Cricket Club of Philadelphia.

Men's National Doubles, National Mixed Doubles, Veterans' Doubles, Junior and Boys' Singles and Doubles—August 2—Longwood Cricket Club of Boston.

Men's National Clay Court Championship, July 26—Western Lawn Tennis Association.

Women's National Grass Court Singles and Doubles, and Girls' Singles and Doubles—West Side Tennis Club of Forest Hills; no date suggested, as the committee desires to consult the women's advisory board.

Women's National Clay Court Singles and Doubles—Buffalo, or Pittsburgh or Cleveland, or New York.

Men's National Indoor Singles and Doubles—Seventh Regiment, New York.

National Intercollegiate Championship, June 28—Merion Cricket Club, Dayton, Ohio.

Daya Cup Tie, Final Round, New York.

Other ties—Chicago, New York, Philadelphia or Boston—First three weeks in August.